

## Sincerity Simplicity Suitability

### Watchwords in Home Furnishings

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When contemplating putting your house in order for the coming season, you may have to ask yourself the following questions:

What can you afford, what is appropriate, and what do you need? It is erroneous to believe that successful home decoration depends on the amount expended. Rather it is that little touch of individuality, otherwise called originality, which goes far in giving the home atmosphere. Careful study is required in the selection and placing of furnishings so they will not present a helter-skelter appearance. Most essential is order and system, for your rooms are a key-note to your good taste and judgment.

You have the right to have every room which has a definite purpose either artistic or practical, as beautiful as you can make it.

Someone has said, "If women approached home making, as an artist does his work, we would have more suitable lovely homes to leave as a valued legacy."

A genuine antique piece is beyond the reach of the average pocketbook, so we may be truly grateful for the reproductions based upon sturdy elegance and good craftsmanship. The living room is the stage setting of everyday life and center of domestic activities, therefore it should be furnished as a congenial abiding place.

Different articles of furniture may be used in the living room, congenially just as friendly people are often of entirely different dispositions. There is such a manifold selection of furniture to choose from that with a gradually better understanding of artistic beauty, we come to the appreciation of modern home art. A luxurious sense of serenity and ease is always introduced in the living room by deep cozy upholstered furniture.

The covering of a chair may make or mar beauty of the chair. The pattern may be too large or small, too colorless, or of too striking a color. A deep and luxuriant davenport upholstered with striped blue and gold velvet, heaped with pillows, suggests enjoyable leisure hours.

So called English mahogany furniture decorated with dark tone flow underneath the top finish is acclaimed unusual both in style and combination for living room purposes.

Desk tables in period styles or oak or mahogany have low backs containing fittings for the desk. A clever combination is a three in one desk and book case which is not only a space saver, but a useful article. A neat compact contrivance is a magazine stand consisting of three shelves for books or ornaments. A small painted table always looks well in a room furnished with mahogany, indeed the choice of painted tables is unlimited. Sewing tables, smoking tables, consoles, nests of tables, all are aids to the comfortable appearance of a livable room.

An important factor in the arrangement of a fireplace is the choice of correct accessories, andirons, a poker, a pair of tongs and a hearth broom, and may be had in period designs and give the glowing hearth a cheerful appearance.

No room in the house deserves more consideration than the dining room. "Let there be light and more light" to give an enlivening aspect to the room. The furniture should be of utilitarian purpose.

Simplicity again is the keynote to dining room furnishing. A beautiful room should be no more pretentious than a beautiful flower. It can be humble like the violet, sumptuous like the rose, elegant and stately like the lily, gracious like a spreading oak tree, but in every case it must be itself, honest and with no dissembling.

"William and Mary" and "Queen Anne" periods are used extensively for the dining room. The present interest in Chinese decoration is strongly felt and lends itself well in its modern interpretation.

An Adams suite of antique mahogany with hand painted floral decorations had the chair seats upholstered in blue hair cloth. The walls were covered with old blue Japanese grass cloth paper with glints of silver. The paneled wainscot and ceiling were done in old ivory enamel. Above the sideboard was hung an old-fashioned picture of flowers and fruit in a small dark frame.

More extreme in its scheme was a dining room with table and sideboard of old yellow decorated in a colorful floral design. The table and sideboard tops were red under glass. To carry out further the scheme the chairs were of the same red and gold with plain done in old ivory enamel. Above the sideboard was a mirror harmonizing with the furniture and hung with black silk cord tassels. The hangings were of Chinese design, the principal colors including yellow and red with an enjoyable contrast of turquoise and green.

The most novel dining room tables are not provided with an extension, but have little end tables which are made to fit and match in grain. When not in use, the tables are used as consoles. Cabinets for china stand quite high from the floor and have the shelves hidden behind decorated panels.

When planning the bed room, if you can visualize a perfectly appointed room, planned with an eye to restful comfort, will aid you in selecting the right equipment.

A bed room set of enameled ivory particularly graceful in line has old gold markings and Japanese designs which even an Oriental might be proud of. This set includes twin beds, dressing table, cane seated bench, chiffonier with fitted drawers and cane seated chair.

A splendid example of Louis-Seize design is minutely correct in every detail. Features of this set are the double caned panel beds, the unusual length of the dressing table and dresser and the chiffonier which is completely appointed with sliding trays and compartments. A dressing table bench, and night stand accompany this set.

An accommodating, convenient article is a day bed. It provides a delightfully useful decorative note where a couch is necessary, but to better advantage.

A combination dressing table and dresser is a new acquisition. The dresser top goes way across with the drawers down each side. In the center there is a space for a chair.

The wall mirror hung above a chest of drawers, has become a recognized arrangement for the bed room. A mirror always tends to increase the apparent size of a room and is a relative asset of importance by its usefulness.

Bed room chairs should not only invite rest, but give it. Horace Varney said of a Colonial chair, "Here is a thing that pleases me, this chair—he's made it everywhere complete, as honest as its maker through and through."

The nursery, called the "cradle of civilization," should be as sanitary as possible. If the room is furnished as a play room safe from grown-up intrusion, it is well to have everything washable. A new material for the wall is in reality the old fashioned oil cloth, in attractive colors which can be scrubbed with soap and water. A shelf built-in about half way from the ceiling and floor is a good place to keep toys and other treasures. Box seats under the windows are also useful receptacles.

A nest of tables may serve various purposes, a new idea has each table of good strong enameled wood with the front left out so as to fit the next smaller one. The smallest one is a box with hinged top to hold the toys. A pretty room carried out all in gray and blue with vivid color touches was in Dutch design, Dutch figures ornamenting the rug, the furniture and the hangings.

A new cretonne for the little tot's room has a frolicsome kitten chasing a ball.

From the Japanese nation, more than any other nation, we may take example, for they have carried art into their domestic life. An appreciation

for the beautiful is taught to the very youngest. Much importance is laid on the beauty of the children's environment and they are carefully guided toward beauty in their everyday life. This accounts for their being a great artistic nation because the general love of art instills the whole people.

#### BOBCATS INVADE RANCH AND BATTLE WATCHDOG.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, Nev., Sept. 29.—Bobcats are numerous in the vicinity of Galena. Two of these big cats gave the Nelson family at the Dahl ranch anxiety last week.

One walked to the back door and leaped upon the watch dog chained there. Driven away, it renewed the attack and was shot and killed.

It was thought that this cat was rabid and the head was sent to the Pasteur Institute in Reno.

The next day another bobcat, presumably the mate of the one killed, walked along the road in front of the house. This one was shot and wounded. The dog pursued the cat into the brush and killed it.

It is thought a litter of bobcats is near the ranch, as their tracks were seen around the barn, where they had evidently wandered while searching for the old cats.

#### STORED THE SUN'S HEAT FOR WINTER, HE SAYS.

FORTORA, Sept. 29.—Albert Barnes, machinist, of this city, has announced that he had heated his house all last winter and that washing and ironing had been done with "bottled sunshine."

He explains he stored heat from the sun's rays by means of a contrivance which collected the heat, conveyed it to a barn, which he had remodeled

#### Curtains

If eyes are the windows of the soul, curtains are an index to the room. Just as all good words can be found in the dictionary, so can you find all types of curtains, but you will be amazed at the variety of good patterns presented.

There is an infinite variety of chintzes, cretonnes, taffetas, gauzes, serims, marisettes, silk and linens, velours in one to or stripe, velveteens and brocades, all with a "live-with-ableness" quality. Curtains

are really a veil to the window, and both the interior and exterior should be considered.

Casement cloth may be had in various colors, although not transparent, probably ranks first among favorite hangings. Long straight curtains tend to increase the apparent height of a room. Valances extending across the width of the window, make the room look lower.

Cretonne is best unlined, and a glimpse at the cretonne counters is like a voyage to fairyland. Velvet suitable for hangings come in all

grades and widths and are as varied as they are enchanting.

Etamine voile and artificial silks are made glorious by the light that filters through them. An interesting idea in over draperies is accomplished by cutting out the birds and flowers of block printed cretonne so as to have a row of the birds in a straight line across the drapery.

Soft creamy ivory and ecru tints always conform to the surroundings of rooms, and nowadays really all nets and curtains may be had in these tones.

#### CANDIDATE THIRTY-SIX YEARS; WINS AT LAST.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 29.—After thirty-six years of being a candidate for one office, J. Whorton Keys was nominated for sheriff by the Democrats of Saline county in the primary here by a plurality of 264 votes. He has been a candidate for sheriff at each election since 1880, and failed to win until this year.

Keys told the voters he intended to run as long as he lived, if he failed to win, and that when he died he would leave a codicil to his will requiring one of his sons to stand for the office until he won.

"I want to have one member of my family fill the sheriff's chair," is the explanation. Keys is a farmer and stock raiser. He is virtually certain of election, as Saline county is strongly Democratic.

#### PARTY WITH A MISSION.

"The Republican party is an organization with a high mission—the promotion of the general interests of the people. This mission it is called to

perform not merely for its own members, and particularly not for any favored few of its members, but for all the people, members of other political parties as well."—Ira E. Robinson.

#### OPENS MOUTH FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS.

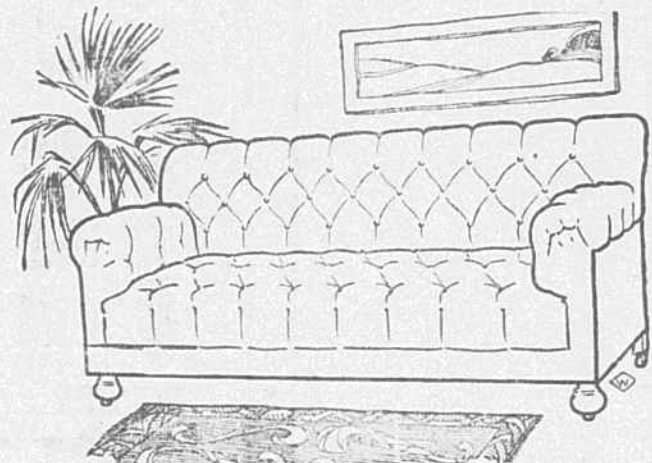
GREENSBORO, Pa., Sept. 29.—For the first time in six years Joseph Heintzelman, a miner of Heggaley, is able to open his mouth and eat solid food. The long period during which the jaws were locked following a siege of typhoid fever. He was forced to take all his food in liquid form. His difficulty did not prevent him from working. His jaws suddenly relaxed, and Heintzelman is a happy man.

#### FURNITURE PRICES RISE.

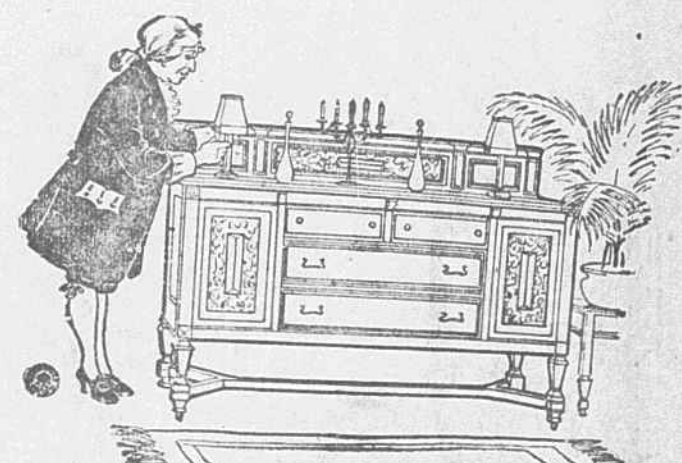
BERLIN, Sept. 29.—Despite Germany having immense forests, furniture prices have increased from forty to fifty per cent since the beginning of the war. The rise is caused by the scarcity of labor and the increase of wages made necessary by the high cost of living.

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#### CONNAUGHTS SAY GOODBY.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 29.—The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia are making a farewell tour of eastern Canada, preparatory to their departure for England the first week of October.

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